

# Fiscal Note

*Fiscal Services Division*



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**SF 2343** – Controlled Substances Act, Drug Schedules (LSB 6142SS)  
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## **Description**

**Senate File 2343** amends the controlled substances list to conform with federal law (Division I); adds certain synthetic substances also known as “K2,” to the list of Schedule 1 controlled substances; and adds numerous substances containing any quantity of any synthetic cathinone (not approved pharmaceuticals) to the list of Schedule 1 controlled substances (Division II). Penalties for violations of the provisions of **Senate File 2343** range from a serious misdemeanor to a Class C felony. Division II is effective on enactment.

## **Background**

### **Correctional and Fiscal Information**

- Division I has minimal correctional and fiscal impact. If there is any correctional impact, it is expected to occur in Community-Based Corrections.
- Division II is not expected to have a significant correctional impact. There is expected to be a fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Crime Lab.

### **Minority Data Information**

Under current law, there is minimal impact on minority populations for these offenses.

## **Assumptions**

### **Correctional and Fiscal Information**

- The substances added to the Schedule 1 controlled substances list for K2 are currently legal. Once these substances become illegal, the majority of businesses will stop selling them.
- Law enforcement agencies will continue to send substances to the DCI Crime Lab to verify whether the substance is legal or not.

### **Minority Data Information**

The minority distribution will be comparable to current law.

## **Summary of Impacts**

### **Correctional Impact**

The correctional impact is minimal.

### **Minority Impact**

The minority impact is minimal.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The DPS will need two additional staff for the DCI Crime Lab for the increased workload associated with the provisions relating to K2 and other synthetic substances. The estimated cost is \$142,000 from the General Fund in FY 2013 and FY 2014.

## **Sources**

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division  
Department of Public Safety  
Iowa Board of Pharmacy  
Department of Corrections  
Judicial Branch  
Office of the State Public Defender

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